



Republic of the Philippines  
**CITY OF SANTIAGO**  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR**



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-03-06**

**AN ORDER SUSPENDING CLASSES IN ALL LEVELS FOR BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF SANTIAGO FROM MARCH 16, 2020 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, SUBJECT TO FURTHER GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIVES THAT MAY BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, TO PREVENT COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION AND ABATE THE SPREAD OF CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, the President of the Republic of the Philippines has issued Proclamation No. 922, placing the entire nation under a State of Public Health Emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) likewise has earlier declared the COVID-19 as a public health emergency of international concern;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health confirmed the recent and rapid increase of COVID-19 cases of local transmission in the country;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Local Government Code provides that every Local Government Unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Santiago in coordination with the DOH, DILG, DepEd and other agencies has been implementing safety and precautionary measures for the protection of the general populace;

**WHEREAS**, in view of this developments and after consultation, it was determined that there is a need to suspend classes in all levels for both public and private schools in the City of Santiago to prevent community transmission, minimize movement of pupils and students and abate the spread of COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSEPH SALVADOR TAN, City Mayor of Santiago, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby **ORDER** as follows:

**Section 1.** Classes in all levels for public and private schools in the City of Santiago is hereby suspended from March 16, 2020 until further notice, subject to the guidelines and directives that may be issued by the National Government or upon assessment by the Inter-Agency Task Force;

**Section 2.** School officials and administrators are instructed to immediately sanitize and disinfect their classroom and facilities in order to prevent transmission of COVID-19;

**Section 3.** School officials and administrators are advised to adopt educational programs and activities which can be undertaken by the pupils and students in their respective residences.

**Section 4.** Parents and guardians are advised to prevent their children and ward to avoid loitering outside their residences except for extreme urgency and need;

**Section 5.** Pupils and students are advised to stay at home and attend to their home assignments and readings while the classes are suspended;

**Section 6.** The Local Taskforce against Novel Coronavirus 2019 and Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) shall closely monitor the strict compliance of this order.

**Section 8. Repealing Clause.** – All orders, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**Section 9. Effectivity Clause.** – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 at City of Santiago.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JOSEPH SALVADOR TAN', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ENGR. JOSEPH SALVADOR TAN  
City Mayor